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Re: **HSCG84-10-J-VYD083 INITIAL GOVERNMENT ESTIMATE - DESTRUCTION OF ABANDONED M/V "WASHENTAW" LST1166**

Dear LT. Edwards:

I have attached a spreadsheet containing my initial estimate of the costs for destruction of the vessel by use of "Ocean Disposal" per 40CFR229.3. Per your instructions I have based the costs on a "worst case scenario" using the cleanup criteria stipulated in the applicable regulation/s governing this operation.

During our meeting we ruled out the possibility of "breaking" and disposing of the vessel locally. No facility actively engaged in breaking a vessel of this size exists on the Columbia River. Although it is operationally possible to "break" and dispose of the vessel on the Columbia River discussions with those having local knowledge advise that gaining authorization to "break" in place or setting up a "sole purpose" facility for this operations would be extremely difficult and time consuming if possible at all. We also ruled out towing the vessel to another USA port for "breaking" and disposal as USCG will not grant permission for reentry to a USA port once the vessel clears the mouth of Columbia River. Given these limitations the alternative to "Ocean Disposal" is to load the vessel on a heavy lift transport and take it to a suitable, approved, facility. Should a permit for "Ocean Disposal" be unobtainable, and present restrictions remain as they are, this may be the only alternative destruction method. I am working on cost estimate for this alternative and will send them to you after I have researched it further. It should be noted that all methods will require that the vessel is cleaned but it is possible that it could be done for a reduced cost at another location.

Please do not hesitate to contact me at your convenience with any questions.

With kind regards,

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